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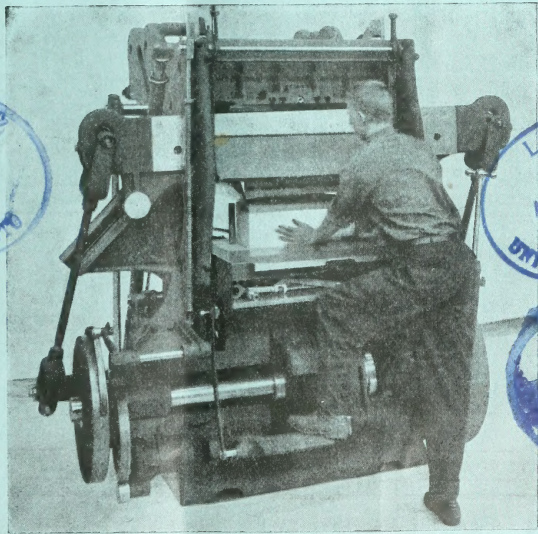
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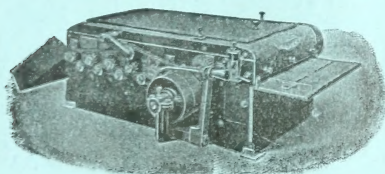
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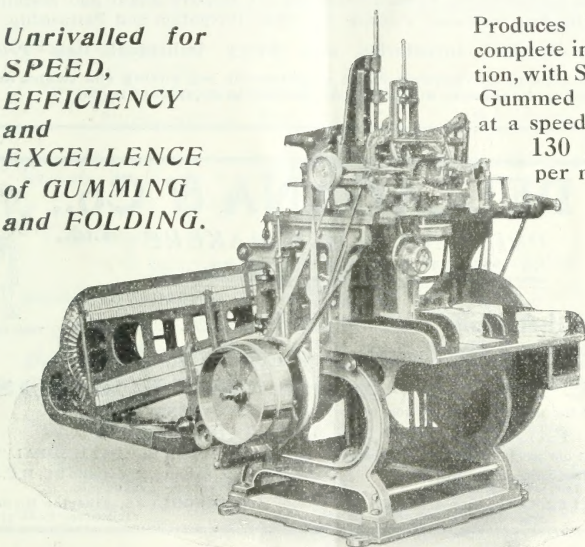
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# The Bookbinder and His Costs.

## Some Considerations upon the Application of the Federation Costing System to the Bookbinding Dept.

While letterpress has gone ahead and widely adopted the Costing System to control cost, production and profit, binding has stood where it was before the war. In fact, it has gone back—because, relatively, bound books are too dear. Now more than ever it is imperative that the true cost of binding should be known in order to improve output, ascertain cost and sell at a profit. Cheapening must come through elimination of waste effort, misdirected energy and lack of machinery and appliances.

But to discover weaknesses and introduce right machinery a control over the data of production is absolutely essential. If you don't know exactly what is being done it is impossible to introduce methods of improvement. It is not so much a matter of getting at workers' times and speeds as of broad principles of production. Without record every thing is guesswork, and exact values are never known. Some work is produced and sacrificed; other work is overcharged. Annoyance and loss of orders follows, and the general status of the trade is lowered. The true cost of bookbinding is an unknown quantity where guessing at costs takes the place of hard facts and systematic cost-recording.

### Printing and Binding: Conditions Differ.

In many ways bookbinding differs from printing, and a correct appreciation of cost is more difficult to obtain except by synthetic measures. In printing, there is the composition on one hand, in which several men are performing a similar series of operation without the aid of machinery and at a similar

wage rate. In machining there is a series of machines working under closely similar conditions, the costs of which can be assessed on a set principle.

With bookbinding, hand work and machine work have to be contended with, the same individual turning his attention to one or the other at different times, maybe for short spaces of time. Various orders may be carried through simultaneously, comprising books of different size and character. On the other hand, large work permits of mass production methods and the sub-division or classification of operations. Again, the bookbinding establishment may comprise a sewing-room, with girls on hand work, girls on expensive machinery and others on small machines such as pagers and wire-stitchers. A warehouse or miscellaneous department may also be included, with girls on a variety of hand and machine operations, or even on piecework.

On careful consideration of these facts it becomes manifest that no business can be soundly carried on unless some attempt is made to control the cost of production. Flat rates are futile, for the reason that by their adoption handwork is overcharged and machine work undercharged. As the binder turns more and more to machinery, which he must do if he is to keep track with modern progress, he runs the risk of dissipating his capital without adequate return. The customer gains the advantage, and the binder does an injustice to his fellow-craftsmen, which in time leads to price cutting, and at the end of this vicious circle stands the binder who commenced it. There is no ter-

mination to price cutting once begun, and the initiator of it finds the practice come home to roost every time.

### The Place of the Time Docket.

The aim of the binder should be to ascertain the hourly cost of every machine, operation and process. The foundation of this cost is the number of chargeable hours worked, and the basis of the chargeable hour is the time docket. The Federation Costing System enables the binder to collect and analyse the hours spent on the various machines and processes. The Statement of Expense Form dissects and compiles his departmental costs, and permits accurate allocation to be made to each separate department. The Value of Production Form enables the cost clerk to calculate each week the exact value of work turned out of each department, and by comparison against the cost of each department a balance sheet is presented to the management each week showing the standing of the respective departments. Thus the control of a modern bindery establishment, working on the Federation Costing System, becomes a matter of prepared data, the figures of which are the levers by which policy can be guided.

But the Costing System goes further than this. It helps the binder to improve his organisation by revealing weaknesses and defects. Little-used machinery is shown up in its true light. Over-worked machinery is indicated by waste time involved in waiting, and the way to sound investment is pointed out. Time-wasting methods can be detected, and improvements effected. The value of machinery against hand labour in certain directions may be emphasised, giving the cue to greater output and better paid labour. In a thousand and one ways the binder finds the means put into his hand for developing the productive end of his business.

### Advantage to the Employee.

A sound business, progressive methods and an assured profit, all lead to greater ability to give adequate reward to labour. It is as much to the interest of employee as employer that the craft should be on an assured basis and capable of securing sound profit. Cut prices and ignorance of costs means a low status, insecurity, and a reluctance to give fair consideration to the workers.

The aim of every worker should be to help in establishing his craft on a high level of efficiency, and this aim can be achieved by an appreciation of the principles of scientific costing and the necessity of fixing prices on the basis of time value through the agency of the time docket.

The object of every employer should be to bring his business into line with modern progress by introducing sound and reliable methods of cost-finding and recording. In the interests of uniformity, efficiency and scientific accuracy the Federation Costing System is indispensable.

ONE fatal accident is officially reported as having taken place in the paper, printing, etc., group of trades during February.

## North London Printers.

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the North London Association of the Master Printers' Association was held at Finsbury Park on Monday of last week, when there was a good attendance of members.

In the absence of Mr. D. A. Whitehead, of Muswell Hill, who is away after a serious illness, Mr. L. F. Hunt was voted to the chair.

Three new members were elected, and important discussions took place resulting in the branch accepting the recommendation of standard forms of tender for local authorities, public bodies, corporations, etc., to be approved by the Federation of Master Printers before being issued.

The branch also supported the need for calling a conference at an early date for a revision of the high wages now being paid, as a means of increasing work and decreasing unemployment. The members also agreed to the suggested alterations and additions to rules as submitted by Council of the London M.P.A., together with the recommendations of the Organisation and Finance Committee respecting the income of the Benevolent Fund.

In presenting the annual report, Mr. W. J. Mizen, the hon. secretary, said that the branch was able to report steady progress. A résumé of meetings held was given, and reference made to the costing classes conducted by Mr. Medcalf, when 17 members attended. Mr. Mizen, in conclusion, said that the future would hold many problems which only unity, watchfulness and energy could overcome.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. D. A. Whitehead; vice-president, Mr. L. F. Hunt; financial and publicity secretary, Mr. W. R. Cummins; branch secretary, Mr. W. J. Mizen. Council: Messrs. W. Curtis, G. Hammond, R. Hayllar, J. Orchard, W. Williams and T. Woolridge. Representatives to L.M.P.A.: Messrs. H. C. Hill and W. J. Mizen.

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## Printers' Managers and Overseers ASSOCIATION.

### Arrangements for Forthcoming Delegate Meeting.

Matters of business occupied the whole time of the members at the April meeting of the P. M. and O. A., held at the "Old Bell," Holborn, on Tuesday of last week, the forthcoming delegate meeting looming large on the agenda. In the regretted absence of Mr. A. E. Jarvis, Mr. S. M. Bateman, vice-president, occupied the chair.

Mr. Bateman having made sympathetic reference to Mr. Jarvis's illness,

The general secretary read a letter from Mr. Jarvis's son thanking the council for their expressions of sympathy and good wishes. Mr. Whittle reported that though Mr. Jarvis had been very seriously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy he was now making satisfactory progress.

At the suggestion of the chairman it was agreed to ask the general secretary to write a letter to Mr. Jarvis expressing the meeting's sympathy and hopes of his speedy recovery.

Two new members were elected, and were personally welcomed by the vice-president, while Mr. F. L. Hills, who was absent at the last meeting, when he was elected, also received a personal welcome. The two new members were: Mr. T. G. Carne (Caledonian Press, 74, Swinton-street, W.C.2. Works Manager), and Mr. F. C. Ford (National Labour Press, Ltd., 8-10, Johnson's-court, Fleet-street, E.C.4. Overseer—Machine-room: Letterpress).

### Various Elections.

The next business was the election of an auditor. The chairman explained that, Mr. H. R. Whipps having been elected to the council, someone must be chosen as auditor in his place. Mr. W. H. Mann was then unanimously elected.

Next, two delegates had to be elected to represent the Parent Association at the delegate meeting to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, on May 7th. The chairman explained that if Mr. Jarvis were not well enough to act as delegate, it would fall to the vice-president to act in his stead.

Some discussion ensued, and as it was the wish of the meeting that Mr. Bateman should in any case be one of the Parent Association's representatives at the delegate meeting, it was decided to elect him and two other members, one of whom was to retire in case of Mr. Jarvis being able to attend. The two other members chosen were Mr. J. C. Pugh, and Mr. E. H. Berryman.

In introducing the election of committee and stewards for the united gathering, the general secretary said that at a special council meeting the week before, a preliminary committee of six had been elected and these had paid a visit of inspection to the Agricultural

Hall. Mr. Whittle went on to detail the arrangements at the exhibition for conference, luncheon, tea and concert for members and their ladies, and then suggested on behalf of the council that six additional committee-men should be elected, also three stewards for the concert. He further mentioned that Mr. Bridges had written to him with regard to the semi-official visit to the exhibition of twelve Czecho-Slovak Government delegates with an interpreter. These, he said, were all members of a printers' managers and overseers association, and were prominent experts. He was sure members would wish to entertain these printers' managers and overseers coming to a foreign land; he therefore invited some expression of opinion on the matter.

Mr. S. A. Dawson proposed, and it was duly seconded and unanimously carried, that these Czecho-Slovakian confrères be invited to the luncheon, tea and concert at the exhibition.

The secretary then read the names of the members of the executive who had constituted the preliminary committee. They were: Messrs. E. Hutchins, H. Blackwell, T. B. Lapworth, W. Scott, W. H. Gill, E. H. Campling, and E. W. Whittle.

Further nominations being invited, the following members were proposed and were elected *en bloc*: Messrs. W. Holt, C. W. Brown, J. A. B. Reed, S. A. Dawson, G. Waller, W. W. Curtis and H. Summerford.

The three stewards elected for the concert were: Messrs. H. Roberts, W. Condliff, and A. W. Hart.

### Instructions to Delegates.

The meeting then resolved itself into a special general meeting to discuss, for the guidance of delegates, the business to be submitted to the delegate meeting. Consideration was given to numerous debatable points in a long printed agenda, most of the items of which consisted of suggestions made by the Parent Association and by the provincial centres with regard to alterations of the Association's rules. All important points of difference between the suggestions of London and the provinces were fully discussed, in order that the Parent Association's delegates might go to the conference with a sound knowledge of the opinions of the members they represent.

Before the close of the meeting, the general secretary brought up the subject of further correspondence that had occurred between the P. M. and O. A. and the Typographical Association in regard to the notice question. He said it was not thought advisable to publish the series of letters, but he intimated that the T.A. was pressing for more stringent restrictions upon P. M. and O. A. members in respect of the use of their services in the case of a dispute. Mr. Whittle explained that this was a matter which directly affected the provincial centres only, and it was therefore felt that the question should be discussed at the delegate meeting, which would be fully representative.

The meeting concurred in this view, and left the delegates a free hand to be guided in their voting by the trend of the discussion at the delegate meeting.

## Printers' Pension Corporation.

The annual general meeting of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation was held on Saturday afternoon at St. Bride Institute, at which there was a large gathering representative of the printing and allied trades. The chair was occupied by Sir George Rowland Blades, M.P. There were 106 candidates for the election this year, and of this number 94 were elected to pensions.

Sir G. R. Blades, speaking of the work of the Corporation during the past year, said it was one of "record" progress, and the total amount paid in respect of benefits had risen to £23,386, for 1,459 recipients. The pensioners, including men and women, now numbered 735, amongst whom £16,000 a year was distributed in pensions.

During the past year, said the chairman, the deaths had been recorded of 10 pensioners who, during their working days subscribed £97, and who lived to receive in pensions no less than £4,293, or an average receipt of £429 for a payment of £9. The fund for granting relief to children of printers killed in the war established in 1918 was now helping over 1,000 war orphans at a present cost of £9,100 per annum. The outstanding feature of the year, added Sir G. R. Blades, was the festival under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, at which the amount of subscriptions announced was 52,000 guineas.

Speaking of the relations of employers and employees in the printing trade, Sir George said as far as troubles were concerned they were discussed and settled in a most amicable and friendly way. There was a mistaken idea, he said, brought about, he felt sure, by the mistakes of a few extremist employers, that there is a general wish to bring down wages. There is no real wish on the part of employers, whether they are mine owners, railway companies, or anything else, to reduce wages. From his own knowledge there was a strong desire on the part of the employers throughout the country to bring about a proper and reasonable settlement of the terrible industrial conflict with which we are threatened.

The following is the result of the election upon the Pension Fund:—

MEN.—Beaden, Francis J., 1,155; Blackall, John R., 1,209; Blake, Frederick, 1,451; Bookless, Henry J., 1,212; Campbell, James A., 1,552; Cheese, Joseph, 1,170; Connor, Edward, 4,614; Cooper, William, 1,069; Copeman, Henry, 1,146; Cunningham, Andrew (deceased), 583; Dear, Albert, 1,291; Deeks, Robert, 1,150; Ebdon, William, 1,265; Evans, Charles, 2,103; French, William F., 1,667; Friend, William G., 2,103; Gibbons, Henry, 452; Giles, Bryant, 2,664; Glumart, James, 1,835; Goodwin, Henry, 1,572; Hayward, John, 1,236; Hewson, Thomas, H., 2,876; Hill, Henry T., 1,811; Hillman, James, 690; Johnson, David, 1,387; Jones, Evan H., 910; Kemp, Joseph, 1,575; King, Silas R., 1,397;

Knight, Ebenezer L., 1,810; Lawson, Robert S., 206; Little, Thomas, 111; Mabey, John (deceased), 119; Major, Edwin, 686; Martin, John A., 644; Martin, William G., 1,064; Merrett, James N., 1,843; Mitchell, Sydney E., 2,289; Mulvey, William, 1,896; Nathan, John, 1,354; Nicholls, Henry, 170; Noble, Thomas, 1,220; Norton, William, 1,301; Oxland, Frank E., 1,471; Pardo, Charles, 1,384; Reed, John F., 1,388; Robinson, George, 3,464; Romney, Alfred, 568; Rose, Henry J., 492; Sanguin, Harry H., 1,748; Shepherd, Alick, 838; Smith, Thomas A., 470; Snell, John R., 2,038; Snowden, Thomas, 1,385; Sterling, Henry J., 986; Stock, Benjamin W., 1,644; Strahan, Harry, 511; Sullivan, Daniel, 1,073; Swallow, Edward, 2,648; Thomas, Alfred G., 1,269; Thompson, Charles, 202; Thompson, Martin J., 405; Thorndycraft, Samuel, 1,544; Tomlinson, Richard, 1,007; Traxler, Frederick, 940; Underwood, James, 571; Willcocks, Samuel L., 1,174; Williams, David, 13; Withyman, William E., 654; Wood, Thomas W., 1,849; Wright, Henry, 1,103; Young, Thomas A., 1,301.

Widows.—Ashton, Mary, 215; Banks, Maria M., 2; Britten, Sarah A., 1,259; Brooke, Mary A., 1,038; Carter, Clara (deceased), 15; Cason, Emma, 2,195; Cass, Maria E., 617; Cock, Caroline, 1,274; Fortnam, Emma, 1,391; Harding, Charlotte F., 1,587; Harrison, Anne, 1,150; Harwood, Annie M. J., 1,683; Hayward, Susannah C., 1,601; Head, Jane L., 706; Jones, Ellen L., 106; Langridge, Caroline, 1,384; Mayall, Sara J., 1,581; Merrett, Emma R., 1,820; Moreton, Helena, 588; Pardey, Ada J., 192; Partridge, Matilda, 327; Perkin, Harriett A., 1,146; Phillips, Mary A., 1,871; Price, Elizabeth H., 1,666; Puddefoot, Mary E., 1,586; Rhodes, Harriett, 78; Smith, Sabina, 222; Symmons, Jane M., 987; Tarran, Annie E., 778; Tout, Caroline A., 447; Triggs, Alice A., 1,174; While, Sarah J., 1,576; White, Eliza, 1,294.

UNMARRIED DAUGHTERS OF PRINTERS.—Knott, Edith M., 78; Russell, Esther M. A., 317.

## Warehousemen's Auxiliary Concert.

A successful concert under the auspices of the Printers' Warehousemen's Pension Fund Auxiliary was held on Monday of last week at the "Old Bell," Holborn. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. J. Rawlings (Messrs. Odhams) who was supported by Messrs. J. Dixon, J. Fleming and W. H. Hillman. An excellent programme of music was gone through, contributed to by many prominent artists. The array of talent, combined with the sum of over £60 that was realised by the plate, gave every satisfaction.

ABOUT 165,000 tons of news-print paper were manufactured in Sweden during 1920. The output during 1921 is expected to reach 175,000 tons.

## Printing, Bookbinding & Kindred TRADES OVERSEERS' ASSOCIATION.

### Monthly Meeting.

There was a large muster of members at the monthly meeting of the Association held on Tuesday of last week at St. Bride Institute, the president, Mr. A. W. Hunt, occupying the chair, and the vice-president, Mr. H. Milton, ably supporting. During the evening Mr. A. W. Sandilands gave a short talk on "Stereos."

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, several items of correspondence were brought to the notice of the meeting. Among these was a letter from Mr. Henry Ward, a member in Hull, saying he would be in London for the Exhibition and that he would be glad to take the opportunity of discussing with the executive matters concerning the welfare and development of the Association in the provinces and of the possibility of founding a provincial centre.

The secretary was instructed to send to Mr. Ward a personal letter from the Association welcoming the idea.

### Report of the Annual Dinner.

The report of the annual dinner, which showed a balance in hand of £5 4s. was next submitted.

Votes of thanks were accorded from the chair to Messrs. J. Fleming and W. Alleston, the former gentleman for providing the programmes and the latter for bearing the cost of one of the prominent artistes, and also to Messrs. T. Hill and J. J. Rawlings for their contributions to the success of the evening.

A question arose as to the enforcing of payment of unused dinner tickets, and it was proposed and seconded that those members who had not returned the unused tickets should be released from payment, but be notified of their slackness in the matter.

The balance-sheet of the annual dinner was, on the proposition of Mr. Milton seconded by Mr. J. F. Stroud, adopted as printed.

### Printing Exhibition.

The official visit of the Association on April 30th was next discussed, and it was the unanimous desire of the members that the occasion should be followed by a tea and concert, the latter to be provided by artistes secured from the musical talent selected from the members, excepting in the case of the pianist, it being agreed that a professional be engaged for the occasion. Information regarding further arrangements to be posted to members in due course.

### "Stereos."

Mr. Sandilands said he did not wish to appear before them as a lecturer on the subject of stereotyping but rather was his desire to put before them as binders some of the mysteries relating to the foundry. Stereotyping was rather a new branch of the trade

as compared with the antiquity of printing and he believed the credit for its invention was given to a banker, Mr. William Ged, a Scotsman, who conceived an idea of making a cast of a form, so as to prevent the necessity of having to keep forms standing, with the possibility of type falling out. To help on the invention Mr. Ged apprenticed his son as a compositor, and their combined efforts met with a certain amount of success.

Mr. Sandilands dealt with a later method, that of casting a mould with plaster of paris, which was held down by cramping screws. This method was in use until quite recently in the casting of music, where there were fine lines and where it was necessary for the corners to join up. In course of time that method was superseded and some one thought of getting a soft paper and pressing it into the type. In this connection Mr. Sandilands mentioned the name of Dellagana. The ordinary wet flong, the plaster mould and the up-to-date dry flong processes and their characteristics for various classes of work were explained, and then Mr. Sandilands referred briefly to the composition of stereotype metal. The ingredients of lead, tin and antimony were dealt with, specimens of each being passed round the room for inspection.

Mr. Sandilands next referred to the different facings that were applied to the stereo to give it strength, and an interesting picture plate was shown, the face of which was partly nickel, partly copper, and a portion of it without any facing at all.

### Discussion.

A member raised the question of the possibility of the mould shrinking; a serious matter to contend with in getting good register when doing colour work.

Mr. G. A. Rutherford suggested that certain colours may deteriorate when working with nickel plates.

Mr. Sandilands, in reply, said he was sure moulds produced by the dry flong method would give absolute register, even with three-colour work. When shrinking took place it was with the metal. With regard to ink attacking the nickel he said that it resisted the ink, but copper was affected by certain inks. Red inks contain vermilion, and if an electro is examined after working it will be found to be white with mercury. It might also occur in the case of chemical inks used for bank cheques, etc., that were used for preventing forgery.

In answer to a question dealing with binders' stereotypes, by Mr. T. Hunt, Mr. Sandilands expressed sympathy with the man who was expected to get good work from a stereo that was not nickel faced. It could not be done, especially if a stereo was to be used repeatedly.

Mr. Hunt was glad to get that assurance from a stereotyper, because they were often expected to get good work from an ordinary stereo.

Contributions were also made to the discussion by Messrs. T. J. Ibbott, A. J. Aves and J. Lee.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

## The Printing Crafts Guild.

The great North of England firm of Messrs Norbury, Natzio and Co., Ltd., Manchester, threw open their works on Saturday last so that the large crowd of Guild members could see the modern plant in the letterpress and lithographic departments. Colour work of all descriptions was in progress, many of the illustrations being greatly admired by the visitors. In the extension bays the new Potter Offset Rotary Presses were giving every satisfaction. A two-revolution Miehle letterpress machine was specially run having a self-feeder attached to it. The sheets gracefully travelled down the incline to the lay edge, were then gripped, printed and delivered in such a becoming manner that many lingered at its side for quite a long time.

Mr. H. L. Birdsall, director, kindly gave up his afternoon's leisure to act as chief guide, and he conveyed the company through the various departments—lithographic, bronzing, transferring, bookbinding, letterpress, packing, photographic artists, composing, gold blocking and box-making; also power house, store room, gumming, varnishing, paper warehouse, fire-proof room for originals, etc. From 3 to 5.30 the visitors were gathering knowledge how to run a printing business successfully by continually purchasing the latest labour-saving devices and machinery.

A vote of thanks was moved by President John Taylor and Mr. R. B. Fishenden, M.Sc. Tech., Mr. Birdsall replying.

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## Stationers' Co. & Printing Industry EXAMINATION.

Under the auspices of the new technical examining board for the printing and allied trades, the following examinations will take place at Stationers' Hall: Wednesday, April 27th—Costing and Estimating, 6 to 8.30 p.m.; Monday, May 2nd—Order Clerks and Machine, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 3rd—Composing and Litho., 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.; Thursday, May 5th—Paper, and Bookbinding and Warehouse, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

In the craft sections, i.e., composing, machine, lithography and bookbinding, candidates must have regularly attended a technical class, must be between the ages of 17 and 21, and must submit at time of examination a certified example of their practical work.

Certificates, medals and prizes will be awarded on the results of these examinations.

There is an entrance fee of 1s. 6d.

Applications must be lodged at Stationers' Hall not later than Saturday, April 23rd.

## Concert at the Printers' Almshouses.

On Saturday evening the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green were entertained to a very pleasant concert by the Chequers Pierrot Troupe from St. Luke's, Harringay, under the management of Mr. Leonard Chandler. The programme was a varied one, and the several members of the troupe all did their best to delight the inmates, and were very successful in their efforts. During an interval the old people were provided with light refreshments, kindly supplied by Mr. J. A. Goodall (head reader, *Evening News*), whose accomplished daughter is a member of the troupe and acted as accompanist throughout the entertainment. The arrangements for the evening were made by Mr. W. A. Perkins (member of the Council of the Printers' Pension Corporation) in conjunction with Mr. W. Vandy (chairman of the Almshouse Committee). The latter presided in his usual genial way.

At the close, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the troupe and to Mr. Goodall for their kindness in providing such a pleasant evening.

On the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Mortimer, O.B.E. (secretary of the Printers' Pension Corporation) the chairman was also heartily thanked.

## Alex. Pirie and Sons, Ltd.

The following developments in connection with the working of the company have taken place during last year. The Paris warehouse has been given up, the company's interests in France having been joined with a Paris house, in which Messrs. Pirie hold shares to the value of £10,000. It has been decided to build a new warehouse in Melbourne, Australia, the lease of the previous warehouse having terminated.

The Government have vacated the company's New North-street factory in London, and this building has been leased to Messrs. Pirie, Appleton and Co., Ltd. The old envelope factory at No. 96, Farringdon-street, has been vacated and the premises leased. The power plant at Stoneywood, which has been in course of reconstruction for a considerable time, will shortly be completed and should show economies.

The capital of Pirie's Photographic Paper Co., Ltd., has been increased by the issue of 50,000 £1 shares to Messrs. Alex. Pirie and Sons, Ltd., against which the latter company has handed over the leasehold of the site and the goodwill in photographic and special process papers.

The balance of capital authorised was issued and subscribed during the year in the form of 100,000 7 per cent. cumulative second preference shares.

## Trade Notes.

MR. GEORGE ROBEY'S concert for the News-press Press Fund, at the Coliseum on Sunday afternoon, was both an artistic and financial success. The gross amount realised was £2,410.

THE Morland Press will publish early in May a new work entitled "Ex-libris and Marks, by Ludovic Rodo," illustrated by thirty-two woodcuts. Introduction by Frank Brangwyn, R.A. Price 3s. 9d. net.

THE death is announced of Herr Albert Brockhaus, head of the well-known firm of F. A. Brockhaus, of Leipzig, who for many years was the leading German representative at international congresses of publishers.

MR. SAMUEL SCHOFIELD LORD, a well-known North Country journalist, died at Grange-over-Sands on Friday at the age of 73. He was formerly editor of the *Barrow News and Mail*, and latterly of the *Barrow Guardian*.

THE Association of Master Printers of the London Central Districts is holding its annual general meeting at Stationers' Hall, Stationers' court, Ludgate hill, E.C., on Monday evening, April 18th, 1921, at 6.15 p.m. After the formal statutory business an open meeting will be held when Mr. W. H. Burchell will open a discussion on "London Costing and Country Competition."

OWING, it is stated, to the increased cost of production, the proprietors of the Halifax newspapers announce the amalgamation of the *Halifax Guardian* (daily and weekly) and the *Halifax Courier* (daily and weekly). The associated papers will bear the titles of the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* (weekly), and the *Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian*, and will be issued from the *Courier* Buildings.

BURNING OF THE "STAR."—Mr. Clynes, in the House of Commons, has called attention to the action of the military authorities in Kensington Gardens in burning copies of the *Star* newspaper in the camp because it contained an advertisement of the Triple Alliance. Sir L. Worthington-Evans said the matter had been brought to the notice of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Metropolitan area, who has been asked for a full report on the matter.

AT Coventry last Thursday Henry Stockley and George Norbury were fined £5 each for printing leaflets which did not bear their names and addresses. Redvers H. Glover was fined £1 for publishing the leaflets. Five hundred of the leaflets consisted of Karl Marx's definitions, and there were also 2,000 copies of a statement issued by the unemployed committee of which Glover is the secretary. Glover, who is only 20, conducted his own case. He denied publishing the definitions, which he said were for use at classes in Marxian economics, and explained that the other pamphlets contained both his name and address.

MR. WILLIAM FARROW TAYLOR, of Cambridge, farmer and governing director, *Cambridge Daily News*, aged 65, left £9,323.

PAPER and printing are included among the sections of the International Sample Fair to be held at Milan from April 12th to 27th.

ROBERT STEWART AND Co., papermakers' agents, Glasgow, have established a London office at Red Lion House, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, E.C.4.

AT the Printing Trades Exhibition the Marshall Engraving Co., Ltd., will show what they term a new and inexpensive method of making dies for embossing.

ITALIAN newspapers have been authorised to appear with six pages, pending the complete abolition of restrictions recommended by the Central Paper Commission.

MESSRS. ROLPH, DARWEN AND PEARCE have been appointed selling agents for the United Kingdom for flint and enamel papers by Messrs Meses - Goris and Fils, Turnhout, Belgium.

THE *Kentish Mercury*, for its issue of April 8th, contained 20 pages, a sure sign of continued progress. The issue also carried a large number of advertisements, these amounting to no fewer than 1,233.

THE annual meeting of the Home Counties Master Printers Alliance will be held on Wednesday, May 4th, 1921, at the Stationers' Hall, London, E.C., when there will be a morning session at 11.30, followed by a luncheon with distinguished visitors, and then an afternoon session.

MESSRS. S. E. CULLUM AND Co., paper mill agents, are relinquishing their offices at 73a, Queen Victoria-street, having acquired more extensive and commodious premises, with excellent warehouse accommodation, at 237a, Upper Thames-street, London, E.C., where all communications in future should be addressed.

AT the resumed hearing at the Mansion House on Monday of a summons against Messrs. Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trubner, and Co., Ltd., re an alleged obscene book "The Autobiography of a Child," the Lord Mayor ordered the copies seized to be destroyed, saying that he was satisfied the book came within the terms of the Obscene Publications Act, 1857. He said he would give every facility for an appeal.

AT Bow-street Police Court last week, before Mr. Graham Campbell, Henry Allen Ashton appeared to an adjourned summons charging him with having on September 17th, 1920, forged a letter, and the prosecution intimated that the defendant would be further charged with having converted to his own use £160 and twelve reams of paper belonging to the Exchange Press, Ltd., the company that formerly owned the *Stock Exchange Review*, and at a later period took over the *Islington Chronicle*. The hearing was again adjourned.



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# Current Topics.

## The Industrial Crisis.

AT the time of going to press the position created by the coal stoppage and by the threat of the extension of the trouble to other national services remains as critical as ever. The ultimate effects of the dispute upon trade in general, including the printing industry, are incalculable. The most immediate outcome as regards our own trade is the Government order restricting the use of coal or motive power. At last week's meeting of the Joint Industrial Council of the Printing and Allied Trades the employers' representatives brought this matter forward for discussion, and the following resolution was adopted by the Council:—"This Council recognises that the Workers' Panel has no power to agree to any definite attitude upon the question of losing time owing to the present dispute. They recognise the urgency of the position, and suggest that steps be taken by the employers to make arrangements with their employees as to losing time in accord-

ance with the restricted supply of motive power and transport difficulties, such arrangements to be referred to the local trade union branch committees."

## The Crisis Postpones Conventions

TUESDAY of this week had, as we have previously announced, been fixed as the date of the annual convention of the Joint Industrial Council, to be held at Brighton. One result of the national crisis has been that this convention has been temporarily postponed. It was felt that the position just before the week-end was so critical that it would be unwise to bring delegates from long distances with the possibility of their finding themselves unable to return. Similarly, it has had to be arranged to postpone the annual administrative conference of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation of the United Kingdom, which was to be held—also at Brighton—from the 13th to 15th inst.

## Paper Prices.

THERE has been no appreciable change in the market price of paper during the last few weeks and users appreciate the fact that rock bottom has been reached. So far they have not shown their appreciation in concrete fashion, but that will come in due course. There are still some exceptional offers being made, generally for prompt cash. Kraft has been offered at from £40 to £50 per ton and M.G. sulphite at £39 per ton. We have also seen E.S. writings offered for clearance at 5d. per lb., but these figures do not by any means represent average market values. Strawboards are in a worse plight than ever, and stocks which cost little short of £20 per ton are being cleared at half the price. Box-makers all over the country are desperately short of work and in most cases they are already carrying large stocks of boards. It will take many months to put the board trade in a normal condition whichever way business turns. There has been no spring trade and there is no prospect of a summer season. It will be at least July or August before the demand for boards and wrapping papers arises, according to trade opinion.

## Standards in Paper.

THE upheavals of the last few years have left their mark on paper stocks in other ways than that of actual value. We had reached a stage in 1914 when every requirement of the customer, however faddy or fantastic, had to be met. As a result, merchants were practi-

cally compelled to carry an extraordinary variety of lines, involving much idle stock. On his part the printer was perforce compelled to oblige his customer to an illimitable extent, with the result that his stock-room ultimately held an infinite multiplicity of oddments. Out of this the broken ream custom began to grow, and some merchants prepared themselves to sell by the sheet or quire at an extra charge. The policy may have had its good points, but a conglomeration of remnants was good for neither the merchant nor the printer. The lessons of the last few years have gone home and customers to-day are more broadminded in their attitude to paper. There is a danger that old methods may creep back; but if they do, it will be to the distinct disadvantage of those who incur extra expense by carrying idle stocks. Already there is evidence of manufacturing wholesalers issuing duplications of set grades bearing new brandings. We fail to appreciate the purpose embodied in this policy.

### Personal.

H.M. THE KING has consented to become patron of the Newspaper Press Fund, the annual dinner of which will take place at the Hotel Victoria on the 28th inst.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR L. WOTHINGTON-EVANS, BART., M.P. (Minister for War), has kindly consented to open the Printing Trades' War Memorial Wing to the Caxton Home, Limsfield, on Saturday, June 18th. Lady Worthington-Evans will at the same time unveil the Honours Roll.

MR. E. R. MORRIS, C.B.E., one of the directors of Messrs. Whitehead, Morris and Co., Ltd., London, has been paying a flying visit to South Africa by way of taking a post-war holiday. The *South African Printer and Stationer*, in its March issue recalls that during the year 1893 Mr. Morris first founded the South African branch of Whitehead, Morris and Co., at Capetown, and it proceeds to review his distinguished humanitarian services during the war and after.

MR. LAWRENCE H. BLADES was presented by the Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., in the name of the Lithographers' Auxiliary with a framed illuminated address on the occasion of the last concert of the season at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday evening. A report of the concert will appear in next week's issue.

PROFESSOR B. MOUTAT JONES has been appointed principal of the Manchester College of Technology in succession to Principal

Garnett at a commencing salary of £1,500 per annum. He was professor of chemistry and director of the Edward Davies chemical laboratories, Aberystwyth.

MR. W. R. CUMMINS, the treasurer of the North London Association of the L.M.P.A., holds the record for collecting for Salvation Army Self-Denial Fund. This year he raised £176, making a grand total of £2,353 paid into this fund as a result of his own personal efforts.

MR. F. C. PORT, chairman of Messrs. Chas. J. Forward and Son, Ltd., wholesale bookbinders to the printing and publishing trade, London, has been elected on the Hoddesdon District Council.

MR. EDWIN BARNETT, J.P., of Bath, has been elected president of the South-western Group of the Typographical Association.

AT a dinner held recently to mark the inauguration of a branch of the Typographical Association for the town of Carmarthen, congratulations were extended to the oldest printer in the borough, Mr. Dan Jones, who has served sixty years all but six months in the trade.

MR. CHAS. T. WILKINS who commenced his career as a journalist on the *Peterborough Express* and subsequently joined the staff of the *Peterborough Evening News* and the *Peterborough Standard*, has just joined the board of the *Cambridge Chronicle*, Ltd., and has been appointed managing director. It is over eight years since Mr. Wilkins took over the duties of director manager of the *Cambridge Chronicle* which is one of the oldest newspapers in the country.

MR. WILLIAM MEADS, a London journalist, has just entered on his fortieth year of newspaper work, having commenced his career on the staff of the *Reading Mercury* in April, 1881. He has successfully held positions on several London papers and now edits the *City Illustrated*.

HIS Majesty's Consul-General at Philadelphia reports that he has been approached by a local wholesale and retail dealer in general sporting goods, who is desirous of being placed in touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of photograph albums and photographic supplies.

THE name and address of the firm referred to, with particulars as to their standing, terms of business, etc., may be obtained by United Kingdom firms interested, on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, London, quoting Reference No. 8511/FW/SC (2).

BOOKS are now exempted from duty when imported into Latvia, but printed music is subject to a duty of 2 per cent. *ad val.*

# Commercial Intelligence.

## CURRENT SHARE PRICES.

Amalgamated Press, 95s. Pref., 15s. 3d.; Associated Newspapers, Ord., 7 p.c. Cum., 18s. 3d., Pref., 14s. 3d.; British Glues, 16s., 15s. 10½d.; J. Byrom and Sons, 12s. 10½d., 13s.; *Mirror Newspapers*, 8 p.c. Cum. Pref., 18s.; J. Dickinson, 23s. 6d., 2nd Pref., 61; *Financial News*, Pref., 9s. 3d., 6 p.c. 2nd Pref., 9s. 1½d., 9s. 4½d.; *Illustrated London News*, Pref., 5s. 6d.; Geo. Newnes, 12s. 9d., Pref., 11s. 9d.; Odham's, Pref., 9s. 6d., 8 p.c. Cum. Pref., 13s. 4½d., 13s. 6d.; Roneo, 31s. 9d.; Sunday Pictorial Newspapers, 15s. 3d., 16s.; Raphael Tuck, Pref., 61s. 10½d., 62s. 6d.; Wall-Paper Manufacturers, 16s. 3d., Def., 8s.; Wiggins, Teape and Co. (1919), 18s. 4½d., 7 p.c. Cum. Pref., 16s. 0d., 17s. 1½d., 8 p.c. 1st Mort. Red. Debs., 104, 102½.

## DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

**AMALGAMATED PRESS.**—The Amalgamated Press announces dividend of 30 per cent. per annum, less tax, on ordinary shares for half-year, payable 2nd May.

**FINANCIAL NEWS.**—The accounts for 1920 show a profit of £57,475, the largest ever obtained by the company. Including £17,370 brought in, an available total is shown of £74,845. Out of this amount the directors have paid off certificates for indebtedness amounting to £11,370, five years' dividend to June 30th, 1920, on the five per cent. pref. and six per cent. second pref. shares (less tax), absorbing £36,884. After writing off loss on realisation of investments (£2,415), and premiums on debentures redeemed (£327), there remains £23,842. The directors now propose to pay a dividend on the ordinary shares at the rate of 20 per cent. (less tax), which will absorb £7,000 and leave a balance of £16,842 to be carried forward.

**JOHN DICKINSON AND CO., LTD.**—The net profit of John Dickinson and Co. for 1920, after providing for depreciation, income and corporation tax, excess profits duty and interest on debenture stock, was £287,422, plus £38,788 brought in, making £326,210. Directors recommend further dividend of 5 per cent. and bonus of 5 per cent., less tax, on ordinary shares, carrying forward £150,576 after applying £8,475 to debenture stock re-

demption. The directors express their appreciation of the services of all the employees of the company, the loyal co-operation displayed under the difficult conditions which existed during the latter part of the year being a most gratifying feature.

## NEW COMPANIES.

**LESLIE, BROWNLIE AND CO., LTD.**—Capital £1,500, in £1 shares; to take over the business carried on at 11, Argyll place, W.1, by L. M. Caldwell as the "Regent Typewriting Co." and to carry on the business of law stationers, typists, shorthand writers, printers, manufacturers of and dealers in typewriters, etc. Private company. First directors: L. M. Caldwell and W. R. B. Tarbet. Registered office: 11, Argyll-place, W.1.

**SCHIEFF PUBLICITY ORGANISATION, LTD.**—Capital £4,000; to take over the business of the Schieff Publicity Organisation, advertising agents and contractors, advertisement novelty designers, publishers, stationers, etc. Private company. First directors: L. Schieff and H. H. Elliott. Registered office: 125, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

**BARKING PRESS, LTD.**—Capital £750, in £1 shares; printers, stationers, etc. Private company. First directors: W. C. Petty and E. W. Sudlow.

**BOUCH'S PRINTING WORKS, LTD.**—Capital £3,000, in £1 shares. Private company. First directors: T. W. Bouch (permanent managing director), T. A. E. Bouch and A. E. Bouch. Registered office: 98, Markhouse-road, Walthamstow, E.

**P. G. O'CALLAGHAN, LTD.**—Capital £10,000 in £1 shares; to take over the business of a publisher, printer and bookseller carried on by P. J. O'Callaghan at 132 and 131, West Nile-street, Glasgow. First directors: P. J. O'Callaghan, J. McMullan, T. Campbell and J. Manuel. Registered office: 132, West Nile-street, Glasgow.

## COMPANY MORTGAGES AND CHARGES.

Fresh Obligations registered pursuant to Section 93 of the Companies' (Consolidation) Act, 1908, and Satisfaction registered pursuant to Section 97 of the same Act. (The registration of Satisfaction is not compulsory).

**BROWN AND BRINNAND, LTD.** (printers Shrewsbury).—Particulars of £1,500 debenture

tures, authorised March 24th, 1921; whole amount issued; charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital.

BURNETTS (GRIMSBY), LTD. (printers, etc.)—Mortgage on certain freehold premises in Strand-street, Great Grimsby, dated March 23rd, 1921, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

S. AND J. H. SWINNERTON, LTD. (rag and paper stock merchants, marine store dealers, etc., Bury).—Satisfaction in full on March 11th, 1921, of charge dated November 30th, 1920, securing moneys for the time being due.

BRITISH BUILDING BOARD CO., LTD.—Mortgage dated March 31st, 1921, to secure £3,000, charged on the Hythe End Paper Mills, Wraysbury, Bucks, and land adjoining. Holder: Miss E. O. Digby, 1, Cannon-street, Worcester.

MANSELL, HUNT, CATTY AND CO., LTD.—Charge, and land registry charge on certain property in Hampstead, both dated March 23rd, 1921, to secure £7,000 and all other moneys due or to become due from company to London County Westminster and Parrs Bank, Ltd.

CHANCERY LANE PRINTING WORKS, LTD.—Particulars of £2,000 second debentures, authorised March 8th, 1921; whole amount issued; charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital.

COWLEY AND CO., LTD. (advertising agents, Moss Side, Manchester).—Debenture, dated March 14th, 1920, to secure £2,000 and further advances not exceeding in all £3,000, charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. Holder: J. Mitchell, Linden Lea, Brooklands, Cheshire.

WYMAN AND SONS, LTD.—Mortgage dated March 31st, 1921, to secure £5,000, charged on 29 and 31, Breams-buildings, E.C. Holders: Phoenix Assurance Co.

MORRIS WALL-PAPER CO., LTD.—Mortgage on 16, Angel-row, Nottingham, dated March 11th, 1921, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to National Provincial and Union Bank, Ltd.

## BANKRUPTCIES, etc.

Re HENRY GRIFFITHS NEWTON, 13, Southampton-street, Bloomsbury-square, W.C., formerly colour printer.—An application for an order of discharge was made to Mr. Registrar Francke at the London Bankruptcy Court, on April 8th, by this bankrupt, who failed in September last, with unsecured liabilities £7,310. The official receiver reported that the assets, valued at £513, had so far produced £150, but there were certain claims against bookmakers for the return of moneys paid to them by cheque for betting losses, which claims were subject to a pending appeal in

the House of Lords. The failure was attributed to loss of employment during a period of internment in Germany, heavy interest charges, law costs and losses by betting and gambling. As offences the official receiver reported—(1) insufficiency of assets to equal 10s. in the £ on the amount of the liabilities; (2) contributing to the bankruptcy by gambling; and (3) a previous failure. After hearing Mr. Comyns Carr for the bankrupt, his honour granted a discharge subject to a judgment for £1,000, to be satisfied by the payment of £500 at once, and the balance by six quarterly instalments, guaranteed to the satisfaction of the Court.

Re LANGHALL AND WADE, Printers' Designers and Manufacturing Stationers, 10, South-street, Finsbury, E.C.—The first meeting of creditors was held at the London Bankruptcy Court, on April 11th, before Mr. F. T. Garton, official receiver, under the failure of Ernest Langrash, Cuthbert Collingwood, and Harold M. Langrash, who traded as above. The receiving order was made on March 23rd, upon the petition of James Spicer and Sons, Ltd., the act of bankruptcy cited being notice of suspension of payment. The debtor Ernest Langrash has stated that he and his brother joined the firm in August, 1919. In May last they purchased another business at Haydon's-road, Wimbledon, for £2,100, on account of which they paid £1,150. They had kept going by loans from moneylenders, and now owed £4,000, against assets valued at £2,400. The failure was attributed to lack of capital, heavy interest charges, and depreciation in the value of stock owing to the slump. A resolution was passed for Mr. Albert Willmott, C.A., 14, Old Jewry-chambers, E.C., to act as trustee, and wind up the estate in bankruptcy.

## Gazette.

### A WORD OF CAUTION.

In giving the official Gazette information, it must be distinctly understood that we take official records as we find them, and accept no responsibility for inaccuracies, while, as an almost invariable rule, the facts will be found correct. We advise our readers, before forming hasty judgment, to consider that there may be in each case satisfactory explanation which does not appear on the records.—Ed.]

### ENGLAND AND WALES.

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#### THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1914.

##### RECEIVING ORDER.

Harry Louis Benson Robinson, 35, Great Underbank, law stationer. April 4th. Swansea.

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Notes and News for

# The Bookbinder.

## Ignorance and Price-Cutting.

The price of binding books to-day is an item of considerable importance. Despite the lowered costs of material it is very seldom that binding can be performed at less than three times the pre-war figure. There is no justification, however, for some of the under-cutting that is going on in commercial work. Very evidently there are quite a lot of binders who do not know their costs and do not intend making any effort to become acquainted with them. By its nature bookbinding should be a very profitable industry. In the printing departments the costing experts reckon on a 32-hour week for compositors and 36 hours for machines. That is to say, there are only this number of hours which can be sold to customers. The balance of time is spent on dressing, clearing, reading, cleaning and washing up, standing to, and all the other non-productive operations common to every printing office. But in the binding-room the expert can reckon on little short of 48 hours of work for sale each week. The cost to the customer of an hour of printing is anything from 50 per cent. and upwards greater than the cost of an hour of binding. Yet the printer can realise a better and bigger profit than the binder. With its low costs and facility for uninterrupted production, the binding industry offers an opportunity for safe and sound return on investment, but in the eagerness to oust a neighbour and in face of the ignorance of both production and cost, the opportunity passes unnoticed.

## Present Level of Prices.

The market for binding materials has fallen to a fairly low level, and the average over all materials is now about three times the pre-war cost. Obviously there is still room for improvement, particularly as regards fabric goods, threads and tapes, glue, etc. The manufacturers and merchants are fully alive to the position of affairs, and they quite appreciate the fact that there will be no normal business until there are something like normal prices. Naturally no one expects the level of pre-war price to be obtained, but the difference between pre-war cost and some of the prevailing prices cannot altogether be explained away by reference to the wage bill.

## Market for Leathers.

Leathers are fairly steady now, and there is reason to believe that prices are as low as they are likely to go until wages are affected. The prices named last month still rule, and

the revival of a request for boot leathers will help manufacturers to avoid unduly heavy sacrifice. Most of the tanners have some good clearance parcels to offer, and we have this week seen basils at 9d., grained skivers at 6½d., pigskins at 2s. 3d. and rough calf at 2s. per square foot. These special lines do not reflect the real market price for standard grades, and they do not in all cases represent the standard quality. For the medium and lower classes of work they are eminently satisfactory, but only when they emanate from reputable sources.

## Casing Materials.

Bookcloths have dropped to just below 1s. 6d. per yard, a reduction closely approaching 25 per cent. on the former price. It was quite due, however, and even now the price of bookcloth is about four times pre-war cost. There is, of course, a lower grade on the market which comes to about 1s. 3d. per yard. Imported American bookcloths are also offered at a low figure. English buckrams are now listed at 4s. 6d. per yard, but the greater volume of business is being done in union buckram at a much lower figure; the last few days having seen a drop from 4s. to 3s. 5d. per yard. Calicoes range from 5d. to 8½d. per yard in the usual width, the latter a very fine tacking quality. Imitation leathers were reduced in price a few weeks ago, but it may be anticipated that the makers will put forward every effort to help the trade by reaching the lowest level as soon as ever possible.

## Gold Leaf and Germany.

Gold leaf is in danger of an advance in price. The cheapest grade on the market was the German product, and other imports were influenced thereby. The impost on German goods has compelled the merchants to advise a 50 per cent. surcharge on gold leaf from that country. It may be expected that with the most formidable competitor effectively gagged, other exporters will reap the benefit by raising their prices. The binder will pay the piper once more.

## Glues.

Glue is quoted 75s. per cwt. for pale Scotch of fine quality. Some agents are asking higher prices, but there is very little business to be done. The binder should take the precaution of roughly testing his glues before purchase. Equal weights of glue should be placed in equal volumes of water and left to soak. The amount of water absorbed will indicate the strength of the glue. Some inferior qualities

contain a very large percentage of moisture in their constitution, and the cheapness in price is more apparent than real.

### Slump in Strawboards.

Strawboards are a trouble to their owners and are likely to prove more troublesome still before the turn of the tide sets in. The demand is next to *nil* so far as bookbinders are concerned, and stocks in the country are simply tremendous. Boards which cost nearly £20 per ton to import are being offered at little over half the price. We have even heard of strawboards changing hands for ready money at £7 per ton. The market value is actually at about £15 per ton, but the average selling figure is nearer £10 per ton.

## New British Patents.

### Applications.

- Crabtree and Sons, Ltd., R. W., and Terrey, A. Printing presses. 9,750.  
 Jackson, J. G., and Jackson, Ltd., J. G. Paper, etc., packages. 9,429.  
 Matthews, W. Process of hand printing. 9,245.  
 Mitchell, J. P. Folding boxes. 9,559.  
 Mudd, W. G. Printing machines. 9,547.  
 Williams, A. W. Manufacture of lids and bodies of cardboard, etc., cases. 9,250.

### Specifications Published.

#### 1919.

- Walton, T. Apparatus for printing and copying music or the like. 160,550.

#### 1920.

- Mann, A., and Copeland-Chatterton Co., Ltd. Binders for loose sheets, letters, documents and the like. 160,646.  
 Dorgan, J. J., Sullivan, M. J., and Farrell, E. C. Duplex envelopes. 160,651.  
 Stott, E., and Dawson and Sons (Otley), Ltd., W. Delivery apparatus of printing machines. 160,677.  
 Bonham, H. Printing machines. 160,685.  
 Wandrum, J. Cartons and the like. 160,724.

### COMPLETE SPECIFICATION OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION BEFORE ACCEPTANCE.

#### 1921.

- Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nürnberg Akt.-Ges. Assembling apparatus for rotary book printing machines. 160,785.

MESSRS. M. R. R. LPH, LTD., of 212, Upper Thames-street, E.C., have been appointed sole agents in the United Kingdom for the N. V. Nederlandsche Papierhandel, of Amsterdam, exporters of an extensive range of papers, boards, etc.

## Five Cent Canadian News.

### Mr. J. R. Booth's Announcement.

The question of the price of news-print is still being discussed and it is reported from Montreal that it is a subject of much speculation, especially among those who are interested in the paper stocks. Quite a little sensation has been sprung by the news from Ottawa that Mr. J. R. Booth has notified his customers that the price of his news print from April 1st to December 31st, this year, will be five cents per pound. The capacity of his mill is 260,000 pounds of news-print and hanging paper every 24 hours. This is a reduction of half a cent per pound on the price announced by the Canadian Export Paper Co. and the International Paper Co. for the first quarter of this year. A recent issue of a new paper, called *Circulation*, published by the King Feature Syndicate, New York City, has come into most of the newspaper offices in Canada, and much interest has been aroused by an article in it by United States Senator William Harris, headed "The Next News-Print Investigation." In this article Senator Harris says it appears to him that there is ample cause for a complete Government investigation of the paper situation during the last twelve months. He further remarks: "It may develop things of interest to the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Internal Revenue charged with the investigation of the Federal Tax Laws. I am informed that paper companies have made enormous profits, and an inquiry might prove interesting if it is shown what the full toll of taxes mean to the Government. The Canadian companies could be brought into investigation as they demand payment in New York funds, at Chicago and New York offices."

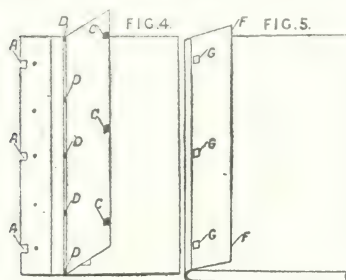
CHARLES MORGAN AND CO., LTD. — This company, which was formed in August, 1919, has issued its report and accounts for its first full year of working, viz., 1920. The trading profit for the twelve months amounts to £25,189. It is proposed to pay a balance dividend at the rate of 7½ per cent., making 15 per cent. for the year on 110,000 fully paid £1 shares; also a dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum for the three months to December 31st, 1920, on the amount of 5s. per share called up on 100,000 new £1 shares. A balance of £9,493 will remain to be carried forward, against £4,106 brought in. The report states that during the latter part of the year under review the paper trade experienced general depression accompanied by a rapid fall in prices, but the directors consider that adequate provision has been made in the accounts to provide for the slump in stock values and for any losses which have been incurred in the export department through depreciated exchanges.

A FIRE at a cardboard factory at Winschoten, Holland, has done damage to the value of half-a-million florins.

## New Inventions.

### Removable Book Covers.

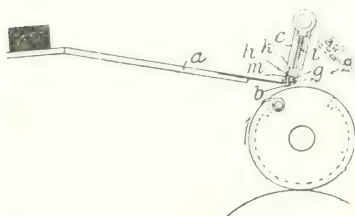
This invention relates to removable covers for books, and is patented by Mr. W. H. Middle. Each side of the cover is independent of the other and has riveted to it a plate with slots A, Fig. 4, and a plate hinged at D and carrying loops C. The book is bound in the usual way up to the stage of having the



covers put on but has the leather back applied and is provided with perforations G, Fig. 5, in the stiff card pieces F. The piece F is inserted between the plates fixed to the cover. The hinged plate is closed down so that the loops pass through perforations G and is secured by passing a metal pin through the loops C.

### Feeding Sheets.

An invention by the Leipziger Schnellpressenfabrik Act. Ges. vorms Schmiers, Werner and Stein relating to a laying-on device for

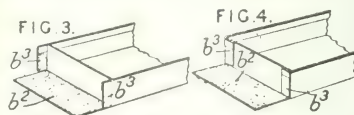


feeding sheets to a rotary printing machine of the kind in which an oscillating arm carrying grippers takes the sheet from a feed-table

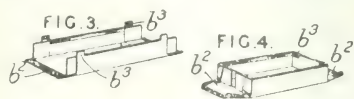
and feeds it to the grippers of the impression cylinder, is so constructed that the grippers are carried in spring-pressed bearings which can yield in a radial direction on the arm which carries them. As shown, the sheets are fed over a table *a* to registering devices *m* on bearings *h* in which the shaft *g* of the feeding-grippers *b* is mounted. The bearings *h* are carried by arms *c* on which they can slide against the action of springs *l* which normally press the grippers in an outward direction to an extent controlled by adjustable stops *k*. In the event of a double feed or other disturbance, the grippers *g* can yield without liability of being broken, and mechanism may be provided for automatically withdrawing the grippers *g* away from the impression cylinder on the return of the arm *c* to the feed-table *a*.

### Cardboard Boxes.

Under a patent by Mr. H. B. Smith a covered paper box is formed from a shell-blank and cover-blank, in which the cover-



blank is folded double over the marginal side edges of the box and these are turned inwards to form cover stays for the ends of the box, the whole being covered by the remaining portion of the cover-blank. The box may be of the "loose-wrapped" or "tight-wrapped" type. Fig. 3 shows the box in course of con-



struction before overlapping portions *b4* have been turned inwards. Fig. 4 shows the box with the ends turned inwards. The box is completed by turning the portion *b5* of the cover-blank upwards and over the edges of the end faces. Mr. Smith has also patented an invention whereby a paper box is formed from a box blank and a covering blank suitably cut and supplied with adhesive. The cover-blank is split transversely, approxi-

mately at a distance equal to the side wing length of the box, and is then folded over as shown in Fig. 3, leaving small portions  $b^2$  for overlapping the end wings of the box-blank, as shown in Fig. 4. The box is completed by folding the ends  $b^3$  over the partially completed end wall of the box.

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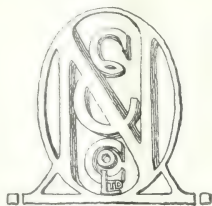
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